

IN THE CLAIMS

As of the date of the final rejection, the present application contains claims 21–28. Independent claim 21 is amended in this paper. Accordingly, each of claims 21 – 28 remains pending in this application.

Claims 1 –20 –(Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A towel having a graphic impression, produced by: weaving a towel on a Dobby loom using at least two different colors of yarn, such that a border having a first color is woven adjacent each edge of said towel, on one side thereof, and a border having a second color is woven adjacent ~~each~~ edge of said towel on the other side, said towel having a central area woven within said borders on both said one side and said other side, said central area on said other side is woven with said first color, said central area on said one side is woven with said second color, shearing said side one side to a height of about 75 to about 95% of the height of said other side; blooming said one side such that a graphic impression can be intensely applied thereto; and forming a graphic impression in said central area on said one side, wherein said towel retains its preprinted water absorbency characteristics.
22. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 21, wherein said forming is by screen printing, image dyeing, digital imaging, or heat transferring.
23. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 21, wherein said border on said one side and said central area on said other side having said woven first color is a dark color, whereas said border on said other side and said central area on said one side is a light color.

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24. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 23, wherein said graphic impression has at least two different colors, neither being said first nor said second color.
25. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 23, wherein said border shape is selected from the class of rectangular shape, circular shape, oval shape, square shape, and irregular shape.
26. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 25, wherein said border is solid or a pattern.
27. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 26, wherein said pattern is selected from the class consisting of stripes, dots, names, silhouettes of sport players, animal shapes, corporate logos, or university mascots.
28. (Canceled)